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CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT

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Mr. Lonnie Hogan
Uintah County Road Dept.
P.O. Box 291
Vernal, Utah 84078

Re: Division Maps of Current Conditions, Uintah County, Asphalt Ridge Mine, M/047/022,
and Crown Asphalt Corporation, Asphalt Ridge Oil Sands Mine, M/047/032, Uintah
County, Utah

Dear Mr. Hogan:

The Division has prepared two new maps of surface disturbances at the Asphalt Ridge Mine using the map(s) recently provided by both operators and maps from Division files for both the Uintah County operation and the Crown Asphalt operation. These maps represent the Division's interpretation of responsibilities based on the information provided to date. We realize some adjustment may be needed on these maps. We propose an onsite meeting on **Friday April 14, 2000 at 8:00 am** to discuss these maps and reach agreement on the three items described below. Please confirm your ability to meet onsite at this time and date by contacting Tony Gallegos at (801) 538-5267.

One of the new maps highlights permit boundaries and surface disturbances associated with the Uintah County operation, while the other map highlights permit boundaries and disturbances associated with the Crown Asphalt operation. Some overlapping disturbance boundaries have been included on both maps for reference and comparison. These maps are intended to be a starting point for identification of individual and overlapping reclamation responsibility.

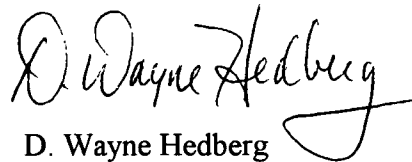
These maps were an attempt to identify three features: (1) all current surface disturbances, (2) permit boundaries, and (3) proposed disturbances. When these three features can be agreed upon, the next step is to clearly identify reclamation responsibility for all the current and proposed

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disturbances. After identifying reclamation responsibility the next step would be to have the mining and reclamation of these areas described in an amended version of the large mine plans for both operators. These amended plans would need to include appropriate adjustments in the reclamation surety to reflect the actual and proposed disturbances.

We look forward to meeting with you onsite to resolve the outstanding reclamation responsibility concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "D. Wayne Hedberg". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "D" and a long, sweeping underline.

D. Wayne Hedberg
Permit Supervisor
Minerals Reclamation Program

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Enclosure: two Division maps
cc: Jay Mealey, Crown Asphalt Corp
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